

Remarks:

This amendment is submitted in an earnest effort to advance this case to issue without delay.

The drawing and claims has been amended to overcome the objections.

In addition claim 1 has been amended, in part by insertion into it of the subject matter of now canceled claim 32. More particularly claim 1 now recites that the system is used in combination with a machine or apparatus "having first and second hand grips and adapted to be grasped by respective hands of a user." In addition the terminal is described as being in the first hand grip with the interface means in the second hand grip so that "the monitored machine or apparatus can only be operated when held by the user with both hand grips."

Original claim 32 was rejected with reference to US patent 4,900,881 of Fischer. This reference shows a floor polisher with a double-grip handle where a lever on each grip must be operated to make the polisher work. Thus this shows nothing more than the basic principle of requiring that a two-handed tool be held in two hands to function.

The instant invention goes far beyond this by providing a simple and basically nonmechanical way of achieving the same effect, namely by passing a signal through the body of a user, from hand to hand, to determine if the tool or machine is being gripped by two hands.

Nothing in the art suggest transmitting an electrical signal through a user's body to ensure that this user is properly holding or gripping a machine or apparatus.

Thus new claim 1 is clearly allowable over the cited art. Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

If only minor problems that could be corrected by means of a telephone conference stand in the way of allowance of this case, the examiner is invited to call the undersigned to make the necessary corrections.

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